13. Human Resource Development for Horticulture

To provide focussed attention, a pilot project "Integrated Development of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly Areas" with an outlays of Rs. 14.50 crores is being implemented. The scheme envisages compact area development approach for crop production, Transfer of Technology, Post harvest Management and Marketing etc. in the 6 selected tribal/hilly districts viz. Adilabad (Andhra Pradesh), Bastar (Madhya Pradesh), Keonjhar (Orissa), Ranchi (Bihar), Panchmahal (Gujarat) and Almora (Uttar Pradesh) of the country. The scheme will be implemented through State Designated Agencies i.e. State Departments, Cooperatives, Local Bodies, autonomous organisation or NGO's of repute and credibility.

Plan Allocation for Agriculture

8. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan allocations for agriculture has fallen as compared to the previous plan period; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and steps Government are envisaging thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir. There has been an increase in public sector outlay to agriculture and allied activities (including irrigation and flood control) from Rs. 54992.50 crores during the Eighth Five Year Plan to' Rs. 97882 crores during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

(b) Does not arise.